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1. Recent examination of a great number of dead rats in Polish and Soviet port cities reveals that they died of plague. 25X1
2. Although there are no known cases of plague among the population, the Polish Ministry of Health, in cooperation with Soviet health authorities, has issued a secret circular to all districts, warning them of the current danger of plague. The order instructs local authorities, especially in port areas, to increase precautionary measures and to exterminate rats.
3. Public health authorities are concerned about the prevalence of typhoid cases. It is believed that if the typhoid outbreak should reach epidemic proportions, only the Army would have sufficient vaccine to counter it.

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